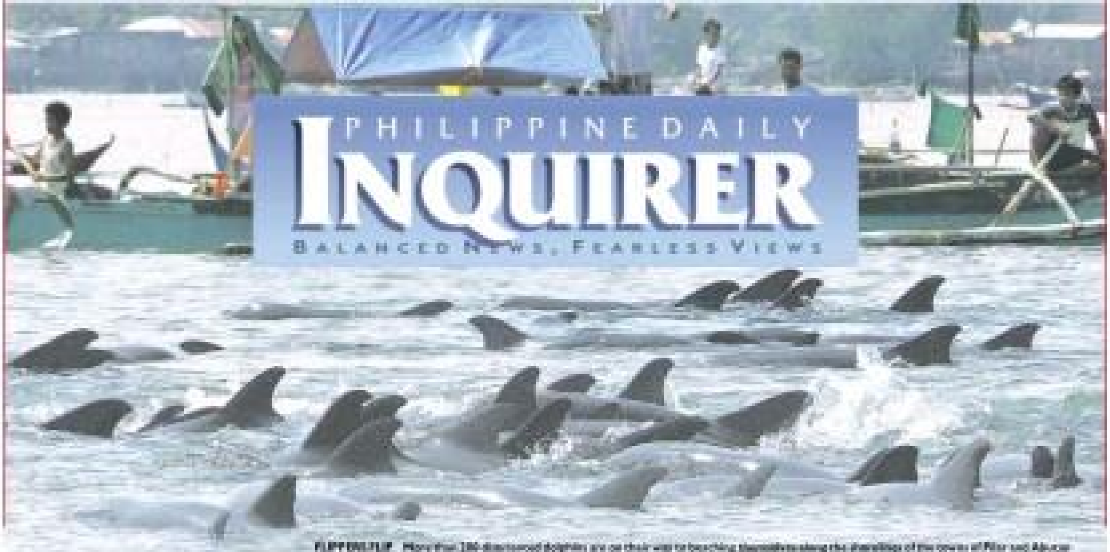
PHILIPPINE DAILY INQUIRER
BALANCED NEWS, FEARLESS VIEWS



FLIPPERS FLIP More than 200 disoriented dolphins are on their way to beaching themselves along the shorelines of the towns of Pilar and Abucay and Orion City in Bataan on Tuesday and dozens of boats manned by residents and fishermen are trying to stop them. The Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (BFAR) says that the dolphins may have been fleeing from a "loud noise or disturbance at sea such as a major underwater earthquake or, they may be following their sick or injured leader.

'Golf, yes; hearing, no'

A yacht, 2 posh houses, 4 luxury cars

By Christine O. Avendaño

A YACHT, TWO POSH HOUSES (one of which had an artificial waterfall), and four luxury cars are among the assets owned by Legacy Group founder Celso de los Angeles.

Senators yesterday said authorities should seize these assets valued at P500 million to benefit the victims of his collapsed business empire that includes rural banks, preneed firms, a credit card company and a car financing firm.

At the resumption of the Sen-

A YACHT/ A8

4 preneed firms near collapse

By Michael Lim Ubac

AT LEAST FOUR MORE PRENEED firms are on the verge of financial collapse.

But Securities and Exchange Commission Chair Fe Barin yesterday refused to name the companies at the resumption of the Senate inquiry into troubled preneed firms.

One of them is Pryce Plans Inc., according to Philip Piccio of the Parents Enabling Parents (PEP) Coalition, a group of preneed plan holders.

This was confirmed by Direc-

PRENEED/ A8

Alabang boys cry torture, frame-up

By Norman Bordadora

BREAKING THEIR SILENCE ON events that led to their arrest for alleged drug trafficking last September, two of the so-called Alabang Boys, yesterday told a fact-finding committee they were subjected to beatings and fabricated drug raps.

Richard Brodett testified that one member of the Philippine

ALABANG/ A11



FRIENDLY PERSUASION As of 4:30 p.m., the marine mammals are swimming away from the shallow waters even as earlier, local residents swam alongside gently leading them away from being stranded.

'Very strange' sight: Some 250 dolphins 'lost' in Bataan waters

By Greg Refraccion and Tonette Orejas
Inquirer Central Luzon

PILAR, BATAAN—IT WAS A sight never before seen in the area.

More than 250 melon-headed dolphins had strayed into the shallow waters between Pilar and Orion towns.

"This is very strange," said Malcolm Sarmiento of the Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (BFAR).

"What is also unusual is they appeared disoriented," Sarmiento said, citing reports by BFAR personnel who were sent here to help the marine mammals return to the sea.

Sarmiento said the dolphins could have strayed in the area due to an undersea quake that might have damaged their eardrums, or they might be fol-

VERY STRANGE/ A11

Smallest fish going, going, gone

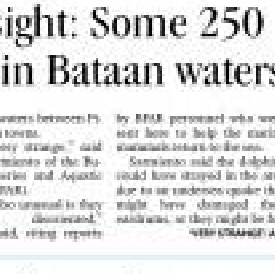
By Juan Escandor Jr.
Inquirer Southern Luzon

BUHI, CAMARINES SUR—THE UNCONTROLLED increase of fish cages in Lake Buhi is one of the causes of the disappearance of the sinarapan (Mistichthys luzonensis Smith), this town's pride and deemed the world's smallest edible fish at 2.1 millimeters.

Rosalio H. Leal, lake management officer of Buhi, said that according to Republic Act No. 8550, or the Fisheries Code of 1998, fish cages could occupy only 10 percent of the 1,800-hectare Lake Buhi. "But the fish cages here have exceeded lawful requirements as they now occupy some 20 percent of the lake," he said.

Fish cages were first introduced here

SMALLEST/ A10



THUMBNAIL STRETCH The sinarapan of Lake Buhi is slowly vanishing into extinction.

Doctors have say if Mike A fit to testify

By TJ Burgonio

THE HUSBAND OF PRESIDENT MACAPAGAL-Arroyo is "well enough to play golf," but whether he's fit to testify at the Senate on the purported rigged bidding of World Bank-funded projects is up to his doctors to say, according to his spokesperson.

"He's physically OK; he's stable," lawyer Ray Rondain yesterday said of First Gentleman Jose Miguel "Mike" Arroyo. Rondain said that despite having undergone risky open-heart surgery in April 2007, the latter could play golf "because this is not stressful."

Nevertheless, Mike Arroyo is leaving it to his team of doctors at St. Luke's Medical Center to determine if he can withstand long hours of testimony at the Senate. "It's no longer a legal or a personal decision on his part. It's all up to his doctors," Rondain said on the phone.

The President's husband went to St. Luke's yesterday for his regular checkup and therapy. But his doctors have yet to say whether he can attend the Senate inquiry scheduled to resume tomorrow.

"We don't know when they're going to issue the clearance. I hope they do it before Thursday morning," Rondain said.

GOLF YES/ A6

Senate orders arrest of 'lying' Bolante 'fixer'

By Christine O. Avendaño

THE SENATE YESTERDAY ORdered the arrest within 24 hours of businessman Jimmy Paule after it cited him in contempt for lying during its hearings last month into the P728 fertilizer fund scam last month.

The chamber's sergeant at arms was directed to detain Paule, who is said to be a "fixer," at the Pasay City jail for three days.

Sen. Richard Gordon, blue ribbon committee chair, recommended Paule's arrest Feb. 4, but Senate President Juan Ponce Enrile was able to sign the warrant only last night.

Senators were irked that

REPORTS/ A17

'Pisay' kids unveil robot named Larry Labuyo

By Alcuin Papa

NAMED AFTER A FEISTY FOWL, THIS gizmo which has so far cost P1 million to build better not chicken out.

Students of Philippine Science High School (PSHS) nicknamed "Pisay" have created a robot named "Larry Labuyo" which will be entered into competition

PISAY/ A6



Abus holding 3 aid workers shell Marine camp; 10 hurt

By Julie S. Alipala and Ed General
Inquirer Mindanao

JOLO, SULU—ABU SAYYAF bandits holding three aid workers as hostages fired mortars toward a Marine camp in Patikul town but instead hit a neighborhood here, wounding at least 10 people, mostly children, officials said yesterday.

Maj. Gen. Juancho Sabban, head of the military's Task Force Comet, said the bandits, led by Radullan Sahiron, unleashed the mortar barrage at 9:30 p.m. on Monday and missed the headquarters of the 3rd Marine Brigade. The wayward shells exploded in a populated area of Barangay Busbus, he said.

Some American soldiers implementing social projects in the province and stationed in the camp were unhurt.

Jolo Mayor Hussin Amin said residents of Busbus fled their houses and sought shelter at the ACC Center in front of the municipal hall.

One of the shells smashed into a house and wounded all occupants, including children, Amin said. Other rounds hit areas outside the camp or landed in the nearby sea, The Associated Press reported.

Senior Supt. Julasirim Kasim,

ABUS HOLDING/ A17

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Customs: Shell owes P21B in taxes

Unleaded gas passed off as blending ingredient

PILIPINAS SHELL OWES THE GOVERNMENT P21.383 BILLION IN back taxes and penalties after the Bureau of Customs caught the giant oil company passing off unleaded gasoline as an ingredient of the finished product.

Raw material

If it runs, it's fuel

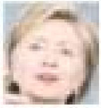
Shell statement

Berting Labra is dead



LABRA

Manila not part of Hillary's Asian trip



CLINTON





NPC says it has winning team for 2010

By Philip C. Tubeza



LEGARDA



ESCUDERO

2 Pinoys dead in Australia fires

Corrections

Pope against nuke for power

Bishop refutes claim of pro-nuke Rep. Cojuangco

Vatican statements

The Daily Gospel

Wednesday, February 11, 2009



Check clients' profiles, BI urges travel agents

[illegible]

'Golf, yes; hearing, no'

'Uncooperative'

'Playing favorites'

Defense statement

'Undue interference'

'We have witnesses...'

Ombudsman not doing her job, says MBC

A yacht, 2 posh houses, 4 luxury cars

MV Legacy

Trust fund

Unpaid plan holders

Link of banks to Legacy

Regulators knew 3 years ago

Layered ownership

4 preneed firms near collapse

Not at liberty

Legacy preneed firms

Dangerous

Cooking gas for claims

Protect public

Regulators' collusion

Save people, not companies



BARBERS

WB report unfair, Barbers family complains

SURIGAO DEL Norte Gov. Robert Ace Barbers has expressed dismay over the alleged World Bank report that refers to his father, the late Robert Barbers, as the senator who "steered his influence to further the collusive 'bid schemes'" of contractors involved in anomalous practices in undertaking the international financial institution's projects.

"It is very sad that my father who has been gone for more than three years now is being dragged into this mess. Remember that he was out of politics after the 2004 elections. If the report indeed exists, from us, remaining members of the family, clear the name of our father if we cannot test the veracity of the allegations," Barbers said.

Barbers stressed that if the World Bank will not make the report public, at least "they should have the decency to furnish us copies and allow us to pose queries on the allegations leveled against our father who cannot anymore defend himself."

Bill of rights

"This is most unfair," Barbers said in a press statement.

Barbers said the World Bank report indicted his deceased father and the others before the "bar of public opinion by somebody who doesn't want to be known."

"Even in our Bill of Rights which we copied from the Americans, the same people who dominate the World Bank, the accused is given the right to cross-examine the witnesses against him," he stressed.

But this right, Barbers said, was not even accorded them as the World Bank failed to give them a chance to defend themselves.

To avoid further controversies, Barbers suggested that the World Bank and other similar entities, which have projects in the Philippines, to pick their own contractors to undertake the projects they funded.

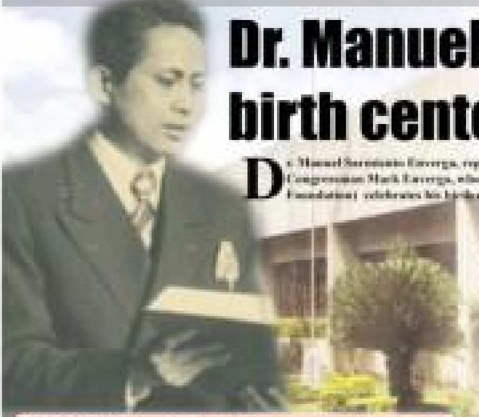
"I am sure that the Filipino people will welcome this suggestion as it will end corruption, in their projects at least," Barbers said.

Trains to connect Naia terminals

Parents prefer drug tests for their kids, says DepEd

By Philip C. Tubeza

Dr. Manuel S. Enverga marks birth centennial anniversary



Dr. Manuel Sarmiento Enverga, representative of the First District of Quezon from 1953-1978, grandfather of current Congressman Mark Enverga, who founded Manuel S. Enverga University Foundation (then the Luzonian University Foundation), celebrates his birth centennial anniversary this year.

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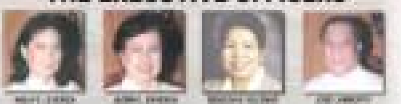
MSEUF extols Founder's Day

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THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES



THE EXECUTIVE OFFICERS





The MSEUF Board of Trustees headed by Chairman Wilfrido L. Enverga (second from right) links up with the University of California - Chico in a memorandum of agreement signed recently.



MSEUF President Naila E. Leveriza signs a memorandum of agreement with Mr. Anthony [illegible], principal of [illegible] High School in Korea, to expand its global linkage.

Birth Centennial Anniversary of Dr. Manuel S. Enverga (1909-2009)

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January 2009	Memorial Masses in Various Churches
February 2009	Thanksgiving and Memorial Mass
	Unveiling of Dr. Manuel S. Enverga Monument and National Historical Institute Marker/Blessing of Alumni Building/Issuance of Commemorative Car Plates/ Launching of Commemorative Stamps/Debate/Speaking Contest/CWTS-NSTP Dedication Day
March 2009	Home Building Project in Gawad Kalinga Site/Dr. Manuel S. Enverga Food Festival
April 2009	Alay kay Dr. Manuel S. Enverga Medical Mission/Operation Tuli
May 2009	Street Art Painting during the Pasayahan sa Lucena
	Dr. Manuel S. Enverga [illegible] Award during the [illegible] Lucena
	Dr. Manuel S. Enverga Memorial Quiz Bee
June 2009	Dr. Manuel S. Enverga Professorial Chair Lecture
July 2009	Dr. Manuel S. Enverga Memorial Lecture Series
August 2009	Photo Essay Contest/Documentary on Dr. Manuel S. Enverga (Videography)
September 2009	Dr. Manuel S. Enverga Editorial Cartooning Contest
October 2009	Marian Festival
November 2009	Round Table Discussion
December 2009	Celebration Concert of Academic and Non-Academic Personnel with the Concert Singers, [illegible] Dance Troupe, [illegible] and the MSEUF Affiliate Schools Cultural Troupes/MSEUF Family Christmas Party/Launching of MSEUF 2010 Calendar featuring Yearlong Dr. Manuel S. Enverga Birth Centennial Anniversary

Board examination topnotchers



PHILIPPINE DAILY INQUIRER

OPINION

Has the payoff begun?

EDITORIAL



The 'hellish roads' of Eastern Samar

AS I SEE IT

Neal H. Cruz

What are they talking about?

THERE'S THE RUB

Conrado de Quiros

Year of bad news

Analysis



Amando Doronila

A woman GMA trusts

At Large



Rina Jimenez-David

The first Filipino diplomat

Looking Back



Ambeth R. Ocampo

VKV

Pinoy Kasi



Michael L. Tan

Filipinos will win fight for truth

LETTERS



Only one morally fit to be president

Palace plan to appoint Palparan to Dangerous Drugs Board alarming

INQUIRER Northern Luzon

Editor Joe [illegible]
Bureau Chief Yolanda B. Fernandez

MORONG FOLK ON NUKE PLANT:

‘Our fight is not yet over’

By Rosette Dejan
Morong, Bataan



BATAAN Nuclear Power Plant

FOR THE FOURTH time in 32 years, Julito Velasco entered the Bataan Nuclear Power Plant (BNPP) on Jan. 22. Unlike in past decades when he [illegible] the steep steel stairs with ease, Velasco, now 61, caught his breath.

[illegible]

"Our fight is not yet over," said Velasco, a former coordinator of the Nuclear-Free Bataan. [illegible]

Haunting

[illegible]

More difficult

[illegible]

According to him, they concluded that:

- The BNPP is not safe.
- It is an old design plagued with unresolved safety issues. Thus, it is a potential hazard to public health and safety.
- Its design needs fundamental changes and additional safeguards.
- Its safety is not assured because no safety devices have been installed.
- The critical problem of nuclear waste disposal has not been resolved.

"These safety issues all remain unresolved," [illegible] said.

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ESPIRITU'S "Comfort Women" captures hidden humor in a pit stop along the Halsema Highway in Mt. Province.

The soul catcher in EV

By Elizabeth Lolarga
Contributor

HIS TRAINING AS a stage and street theater director has enabled photojournalist Edgardo V. Espiritu, known as "EV," to put his subjects at ease.

This quality is borne out in his first solo show of photographs, "Soul Catcher," at Mist Café at Hotel Elizabeth on Gibraltar Road in Baguio City [illegible] Feb. 12.

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Across the NATION

Farmers marching to Palace for land reform rounded up



Cops rescue Zamboanga trader; lawyer, 2 policemen arrested

NEWSBRIEFS

Commuters stranded

Albay wins prize

CamSur fair a success

Ex-banker kills self

Teacher dies saving student





REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS
NATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION



HEAVILY armed soldiers patrol Isabela town in Basilan island during an operation against kidnappers on Monday.

Abus holding 3 aid workers shell Marine camp; 10 hurt

Military cordon

Hostages' safety

Heightened alert

School prayers

P1-M ransom

Senate orders arrest of 'lying' Bolante 'fixer'



PAULE: Three days at the Pasay City jail

The gall



POSTMORTEM Four dolphins are found dead including two female adults, one with a fetus in its womb. The others died of drowning.

FAST FACTS

Melon-headed whales

In Hawaii, too

'Very strange' sight: Some 250 dolphins 'lost'

Don't force them

4 dead

A sad loc

Contaminated water

Smallest fish in Lake Buhi going, going, gone since 1980s



MISSING SINCE 1980s

Use of lake water

Sanctuary

Hyacinths etc.

Guinness-certified

'Pisay' kids unveil robot named Larry Labuyo

Designed by students

Tricky part

Appeal for funds



"LARRY LABUYO," the Philippines entry in the 2009 FIRST Robotics Competition in Hawaii, is unveiled on Tuesday at Philippine Science High School in Quezon City.

Alabang boys cry torture

Joseph roughed up

Gunshots

House summons panel

SC warns House of 'constitutional crisis'

News

Unioil cuts diesel prices

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Worry no more: LPG shortage is over, says Reyes



AFTER BLAMING everyone else for the LPG mess, Energy Secretary Angelo Reyes announced yesterday in a Cabinet meeting the problem of insufficient gas supply and sky-rocketing prices had "largely normalized."

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Disaster magnet

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Two, not one, cylinders

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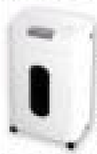
Aplus METRO

Did you know

UP professor charged for hitting woman

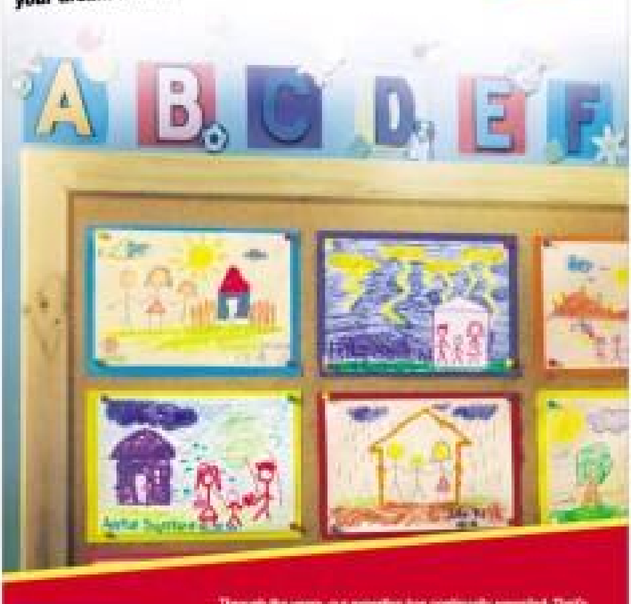
Incident sparked by traffic altercation, says victim

CHARGES WERE FILED YESTERDAY AGAINST A PROFESsor of the University of the Philippines in Diliman, Quezon City, after a 24-year-old woman accused him of punching her on the mouth following a traffic altercation on Monday.



Metro cops on alert to prevent repeat of Valentine's Day blasts

3 hurt in explosion caused by gas leak



9 p.m. lights out set for Metro billboards

Order takes effect on Feb. 25, says DPWH

By Kristine L. Alave

Climate change

Big savings



MISS MANDALUYONG PAGEANT WINNERS

Court upholds testimony of mentally retarded woman, sends rapist to jail

Credibility issue

Makati okays 3-year tax moratorium for all city-based firms



BINAY

METROBRIEFS

Beware of 'Dura Gang'

New QCPU campus

Malabon medical tests

Victim of vigilantes?

Court junks coup charges against Adaza, 4 others

WORLDBRIEFS

Livni, Netanyahu in close race

AP

Ma of octuplets turns to God for help

Reuters

Sex cult leader gets 10-year jail term

AFP

Woman in right-to-die debate dies

AP

Court upholds right-to-die ruling

AFP

Naked hikers face spot fines

Reuters

Watch humidity—flu likes it dry

AP

Jar peanut butter sales fall

AP

Birds shifting north amid warming

AP

AUSTRALIA WILDFIRES

Death toll seen to exceed 200



AFP

Taiwan's ex-first lady pleads guilty to money raps

AP

Storm batters France

The WORLD



PRESIDENT Ahmadinejad: "The world is at a crossroads and is entering an era of dialogue and intellect."

Iranian president says talks with US possible

Obama warns Congress of economic catastrophe

WASHINGTON—President Barack Obama, in the first nationally televised evening news conference of his young presidency, demanded that lawmakers pass an $800-billion-plus economic recovery plan or risk turning "a crisis into a catastrophe."



OBAMA: Failure to act on $800-billion plus stimulus bill will only deepen the financial pain felt by most Americans.



SPORTS

Editor Teodoro E. Melendres • Assistant Editor Francis T.J. Ochoa

HARBOUR Centre players, supporters and team officials, led by owner Mikee Romero, celebrate their sixth straight championship after beating Magnolia Purewater, 86-73, and clinching the PBL-PG Flex Linoleum Cup at The Arena in San Juan.

WHAT'S INSIDE

Harbour nails 6th straight PBL title

By Jasmine W. Payo

IN A GAME HARBOUR CENTRE SEEMED BOUND to lose, the Batang Pier recreated the magic of seasons past to capture an epic sixth straight PBL championship.











ORCOLLO: Four international wins

PSA honors resurgent billiards hero Orcollo

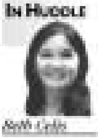
Aces, Texters clash for title

Pre-game word war escalates



Big J plays down RP five's preparations

In Huddle



Beth Celis

Harbour nails sixth straight PBL crown

Sportswatch

Mariano scion tops Makati pool

90 fights in SJC 6-cocker today

Tale of two coaches

Heart, Soul, Sports



Tommy Manotoc

PSC needs President's full support, says Chiz



ESCUDERO

Roach plots new fight strategy for Pacquiao



ROACH

Fernando up by 2 after a 69



SPORTS

Hornets' West suspended for flagrant foul

Darchinyan targets world title in another division

Rodriguez admits using performance enhancers, says sorry

Philadelphia rips Phoenix



PHILADELPHIA'S Thaddeus Young shoots against Phoenix guard Leandro Barbosa. AP

Chelsea boots out Scolari

BUSINESS

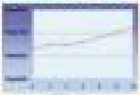


December exports plunge a record 40.4%

Electronics down 47.6%; sales to US, Japan slide

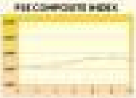
EXPORTS SAW THEIR BIGGEST FALL ON RECORD IN DECEMBER, plunging 40.4 percent year on year to $2.67 billion on the back of the global economic slowdown, the National Statistics Office said yesterday.

CURRENCIES



STOCK MARKET

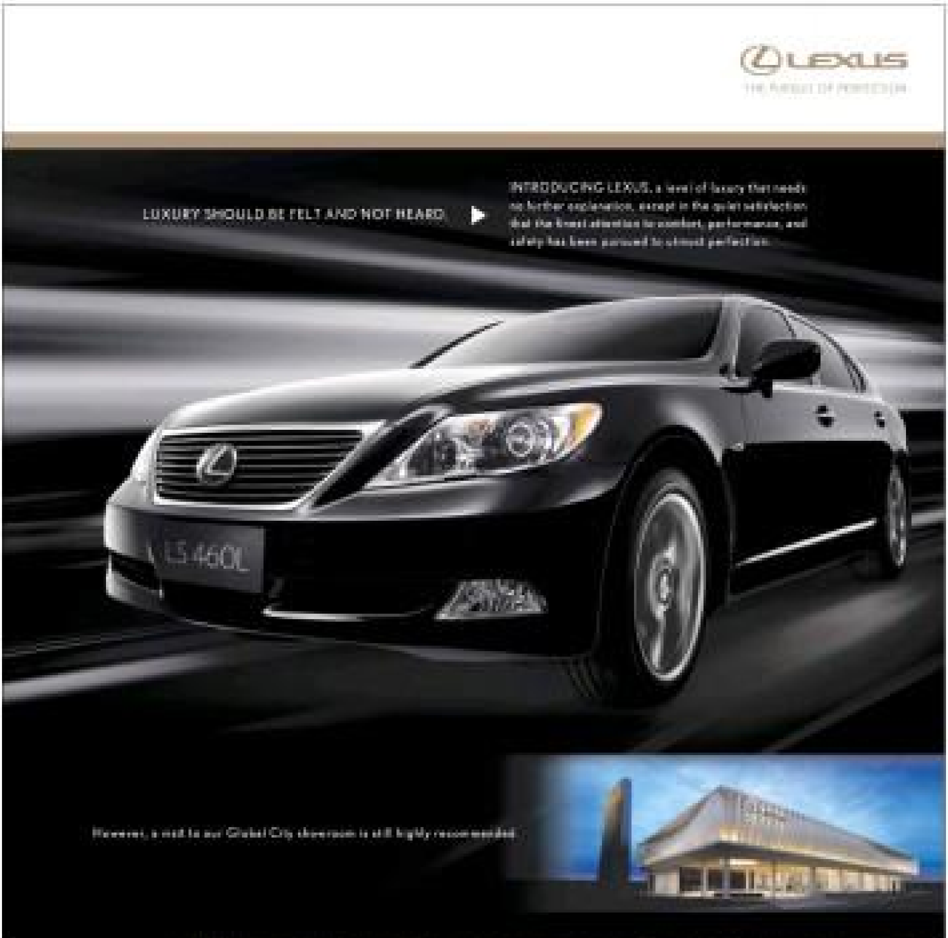
Stocks down on profit-taking



Moody's unit sees 3.3% growth for RP

By Michelle V. Remo

THE PHILIPPINE ECONOMY WILL LIKELY grow 3.3 percent this year and beat most of its neighbors in Southeast Asia.



Gatchalian firms hit PSE trading restrictions

Lawyers demand retraction from bourse

Meralco stocks defy downtrend

December exports plunge a record 40.4%

Moody's ...

Having the last laugh

Biz Buzz
By the staff

Landbank reshuffle

Tandaay jelly in 'Ling'

BSP peeve

Pacific play



BSP expects current account surplus

Tetangco contradicts pessimistic view of pundits, economists



Ayala Land notches 10% increase in net profit

Philex copper, gold yield in Jan. hit ₱745M

Globe hopes to raise ₱4B from bond offer



MOTORING

Editor: Cesar D. Mangawang



Kia, Honda fans 'open their hoods'



THERE'S "fun" in meeting fellow Picanto owners.





By Tessa R. Salazar

THESE TWO COULDN'T have been more different.

Empowered members

Easy to like: The Chevrolet Aveo

ON THE ROAD



Aida Sevilla-Mendoza



THE 1.5-LITER, SOHC engine of the Aveo hatchback

Compared

High seats



INSIDE THE AVEO



THE CHEVROLET Aveo 1.5 hatchback: value for money

TODAY'S BUMPER STICKER: Forbidden fruits create many jams.

BUSINESS

Swan song

QUESTIONS OF POLICIES

Honesto C. General





Mining investments boosted net FDI inflow in November

11-month figure fell 41% to $1.65B from 2007 level

Rice prices to remain stable, says DA

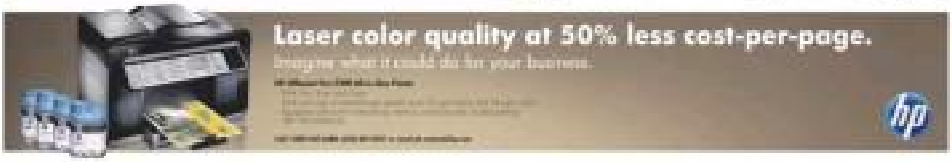
By Riza T. Olchondra



Develop more BPO 'talent factories,' gov't urged

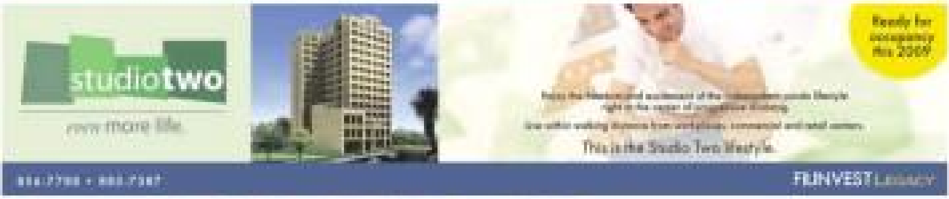
By Abigail L. Ho

CebuPac market share hits 45.6%



LIFESTYLE Home Entertaining





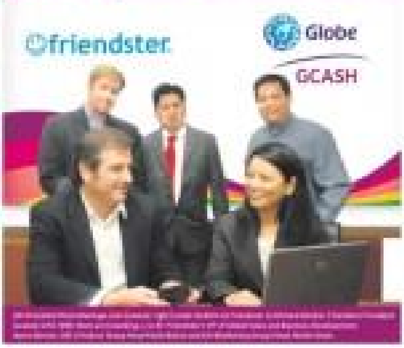
Garden designed around the boys' lifestyle



By Alex Y. Vergara

How to do it

Globe GCASH and Friendster tie up to provide Online Money Transfer



Globe Telecom, through its wholly-owned subsidiary G-Xchange, Inc. (GXI), has partnered with leading internet social networking site Friendster for online money transfer.

The service, a first within the industry, offers GXI pioneering opportunity to tap Friendster's more than 13 million active members in the Philippines and millions of Filipinos using Friendster from other countries around the world, who may be in need of a fast, convenient, affordable and reliable means of sending and receiving money from family, friends, and business associates anytime and from anywhere. This money transfer service is made possible through Globe's flagship mobile commerce platform, GCASH, which transforms a mobile phone into a virtual wallet and enables money transfers via text message.

Friendster, a top 20 global website based on traffic and the #1 social network in Asia and the Philippines, has over 95 million members worldwide. Friendster helps people stay in touch with friends and family and discover new people and things that are important to them, all through an easy-to-use, friendly and interactive environment where users can easily connect with anyone from any country via www.friendster.com or m.friendster.com from any Internet-ready device.

GXI and Friendster introduced the online money transfer feature to provide a more convenient and reliable way of transferring GCASH within Friendster. For a minimal amount of P2.50 per transaction, a Friendster member can already send GCASH to anyone in his friends list by simply viewing the profile of the intended recipient and clicking the GCASH button after specifying the amount involved.

To ensure the security and authenticity of the funds transfer, a confirmation request is forwarded to the sender's Globe or TM SIM then GCASH is transferred as simple as a text message.

Friendster has over 13 million monthly unique visitors from the Philippines per month, which is 90 percent, or virtually all of the 14 million Internet users in the country. A typical user spends 30 minutes a day on Friendster and visits Friendster several times a week, sharing and consuming content with friends and family through a suite of interactive features. This makes Friendster an ideal venue for GCASH transactions to be originated.

More than 5,000 authorized partner outlets in the Philippines accept GCASH. Launched by Globe in 2004, GCASH enables its users to send and receive money transfers, make purchases and bill payments all through text messages.

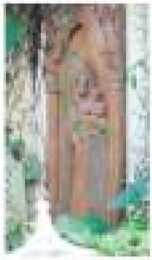
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Globe GCASH

Garden designed around the boys' lifestyle







Hardwork



Hardwood











Postman plays cupid, launches Valentine's Day stamps





Moonlight serenade

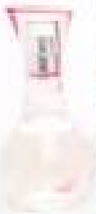
Audrey Hepburn filmfest

Freeze-drying flowers

Naughty or nice



SPA Essential Gift Pouch contains Energy Massage Oil and Sleep Ease Massage Oil ...





FIT for an heiress: Paris Hilton's Can Can eau de parfum ...





"ROSE MOMENT" FOR FLORAL DESIGNER ... Valentine's Day ... [illegible]

New scents, relaxing oils and natural cosmetics



ROSE ... [illegible]



CELEBRATE THE BEAUTY OF LOVE this Valentine's Day at Watsons Your Personal Store.

Pamper yourself and your loved one with the wonderfully natural Olive and Lavender bath lines, and delightfully relaxing Spa Essential massage oils. Glow with Revlon's Beyond Natural Collection of cosmetics for the eyes, cheeks and lips.

Create a scent-sation with new fragrances [illegible]

Look good and feel great with cosmetics and fragrances available at the Beauty section of the SM Department Store, and personal care items available at Watsons Your Personal Care Store.

LOVE is beautiful. Revlon Beyond Natural collection ... [illegible]

Philippine Society of Medieval Studies lectures

THE PHILIPPINE SOCIETY OF MEDIEVAL STUDIES [illegible]

UST Architecture homecoming

[illegible]

GOINGS ON

St. Augustine homecoming

[illegible]

Valentine's at the mall

[illegible]

Valentine's in Bora

[illegible]

Valentine gift wraps and cards

NOW THAT YOU'VE SELECTED the perfect Valentine's Day token for your loved one, it's time to wrap up the excitement in fancy gift bags and boxes from SM. Wrap your love this Valentine's Day in gift bags and boxes available at the Stationery and Supplies department of all SM stores.



DIY gift box from Stationery and Supplies



SEND your messages of love through these funky cards with accessories



PHOTO albums with flower and heart design





BOX imprinted with hearts, great for keeping ... [illegible]

'Maling akala' can lead to unhappy customers

THE CONSUMER



Information source

Wireless meter can track energy one consumes



Never spank in anger

> Take a step back when you feel like you are about to lose it

Readers speak up about spanking

Pam Pastor's story ('Spanking didn't kill us,' Feb. 7, 2009) touched a raw nerve: People remember their childhood—and parents. Excerpts:

GARFIELD — BY JIM DAVIS



A. LIPIN — BY JESS ABRERA



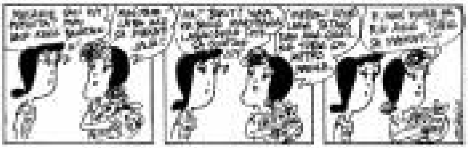
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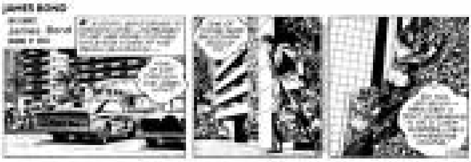
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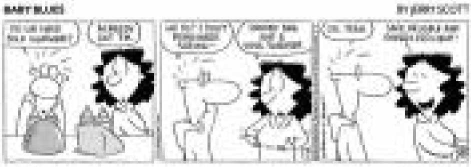
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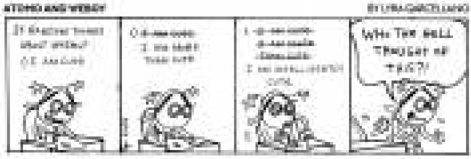
DIVINE COMEDY — BY STEVEN PABALINAS



BABY BLUES — BY JERRY SCOTT



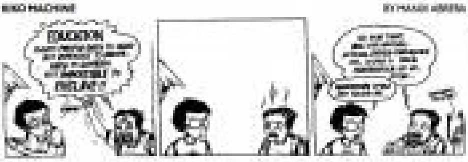
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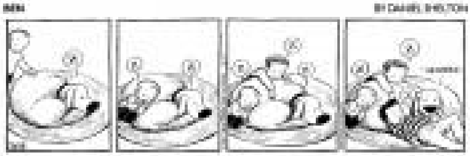
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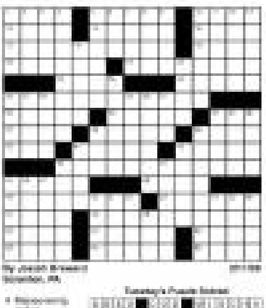
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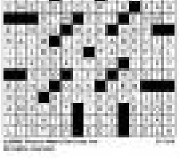
BEN — BY DANIEL SHELTON



DAILY CROSSWORD



Yesterday's Puzzle Solved



HOROSCOPE

BY FRANCIS DRAKE

CONCEPTIS SUDOKU

Conceptis Sudoku — By Dave Green

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			8		4			
		1				5		
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			2		9			
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Difficulty Level ★★★

HOW TO PLAY SU DOKU

Answer to previous puzzle



THAI Patio grand opening with VIP guests: Christian Bautista with Chamlatthip Sutthiwong, Kemada Raina, Pravesamit Raina, Dr. Juanita Wong, Thai Ambassador Kulkumut Singhara Na Ayudhaya, Ruth Velasco Go, Gary Valenciano, Tess Pineo Valdez, Arnold Co and Karylle

Grand party marks launch of new Thai resto in Makati

"AUTHENTIC" IS THE BEST way to describe Thai Patio, dahlings, the newest resto in Greenbelt 5, Makati. The restaurant serves the best Thai cuisine that will surely satisfy all of us Thai food lovers.

Founded in 1999 in Bangkok by Kemada Raina—son of parents for cooking—Patio became so popular with its simple home-cooked style and high-quality dishes which led them to open branches in other parts of Thailand and Taiwan.

Without Batting an Eyelash

Maurice Arcache



Photos by Allan Van Hagen using PKI Photo Solutions

Thai Patio opened its doors with a grand launch bash attended by no less than the ambassador of Thailand H.E. Kulkumut Singhara Na Ayudhaya plus other diplomats and society's who's who. Among those who did the unveiling for the opening were Thai partners from [illegible] Pravesamit Raina, Kemada Raina and Chamlatthip Sutthiwong, with Dr. Juanita Wong. The affair was superbly hosted by [illegible] Tim Yap. Great performances came from gorgeous Karylle and handsome, well-mannered Christian Bautista with young Kaela Marlowe and the Grand Kalinga Choir.

"With the concept of the "joy of eating," I want Filipinos to experience the genuine Thai dishes, and I'm sure they'll enjoy what Thai Patio has to offer," exclaimed the [illegible] personality with the [illegible], Ruth Velasco Go, managing director of [illegible] Brands Network.

Olive's Super Sandwiches, Haagen-Dazs Ice Cream, Max Brenner Chocolate Bar, Tea & Therapy, Zagu Juice Bar, [illegible] Caritas Kolanta and superb [illegible] were all part of the event.

Thai Patio in-house chefs arrived from Bangkok to serve genuine Thai dishes for us Filipino customers, palanggas.

Check out Thai Patio at G/F, Greenbelt 5.

Birthday of Baby Ortiz

That dynamic politician Gov. Leonida "Baby" Bayani-Ortiz took time out from her hectic schedule and threw a bash on her special day. She became the Queen for a Day at the large Maynila Ballroom of the Manila Hotel, palanggas. Special guests were Manila Mayor Alfredo S. Lim and lawyer Joey Lina, president of the Manila Hotel.

The family relatives and close pals were all around her singing the requisite "Happy Birthday" as she blew the candles, followed by wild applause, palanggas. This lady governor is a member of the Board of Governors of the Philippine National Red Cross and its incumbent National Treasurer.

Culinary journey

It definitely was a historical culinary journey, dahlings, when Camara Oficial Española de Comercio, Industria y Navegacion en Filipinas, the Consejo Spain's Ministry of Industry, Tourism and Commerce hosted "Sabores Hispanicos de Castilla La Mancha." Grand chef Juan Carlos de Terry prepared a special menu, tracing the history of Spanish cuisine from the ancient Phoenicians to the Cervantine era in Spain, dahlings.

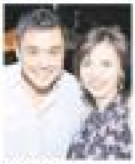
This grand culinary extravaganza was the last of La Mata Gastronomica (The Gastronomic Route), La Camara's dinner events with specialties from different regions of Spain. The event promoted Spanish companies, its products and services to the local market, palanggas.

The highlight was La Camara's donation to Les Toques Blanches Phils., which helps finance the association's ongoing training courses for aspiring chefs in the country. It was presented by La Camara treasurer José Prieto Santos Jr. and GM Emmanuel Lopez Bamboa. The donation was accepted by J. Gamboa of Gilardo resto, who is director of the National Chefs Association, no less.

This gastronomic happening was made possible by Amorsua Jaboo Beauty de Acaca, Maglio Laudas, Makati Shangri-La, Fargo Hotels, Solutions India, Manila and ZMG Executive Search.



HANS and Gigi Sicat, Arnold Co, and British Ambassador Peter Beckingham with wife Jill



ANTHONY Pangilinan with Taguig First Lady Kaye Tinga



PHILIPPINE Tatler's Lynne Palma and Cathay Pacific Airways' Jun Agunaldo



MARILOU Kho and husband Jakob Kho



DR. JUANITA Wong with Becky Garcia, Rosa Rosal, Singapore Airlines' Rita Dy and Maryann Ojeda



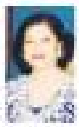
CLAUDINE Trillo with Joey Mead and Ina King



BABY Bayani-Ortiz with Rudy Torres and Willy Prado, Mo and Carlo Ortiz, Bong Barretto, Atty. Clare D. Ortiz and Ana Barreto



ATTY. LOUENG and Ross Lazaro, Atty. Feeling Bigao, birthday celebrator Baby Bayani-Ortiz and Manila mayor Alfredo Lim



OVVC member Mimi Palado



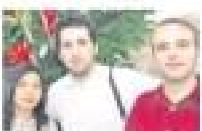
ALL IN THE FAMILY: Dr. Rosella Sabal-Ortiz, son Don B. Ortiz with our Queen of the Night, stylish Gov. Baby Bayani-Ortiz, and her daughter Abril B. Ortiz, (seated) husband Gov. Jonás M. Ortiz



JUAN Antonio Lorenzo, Camille Lorenzo, Joaquin Valdez Fernandez, Carlos Madrid, Andrea Lorenzo and Rico Lorenzo



LA CAMARA'S GM Emmanuel Bamboa with Gilardo resto's J. Gamboa, who received the donation, and Jose Prieto Santos



CLARIE Lochan, Oscar Hernandez Orange and Jose Maria Poco



DONG Poco and Bernardo T. Sim

Never spank in anger

How to promote positive behavior instead

'BAON' RECIPE

'Mabu frittata'



Readers speak up about spanking

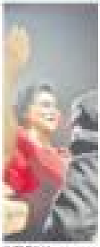




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Did You Know...

'Slumdog' wins top UK film award





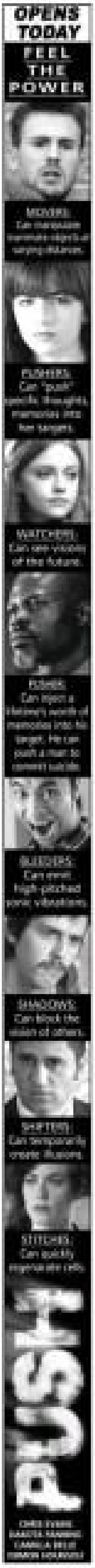
Concert artists can age gracefully

THIS STORY SEEMS to be an endless playback.

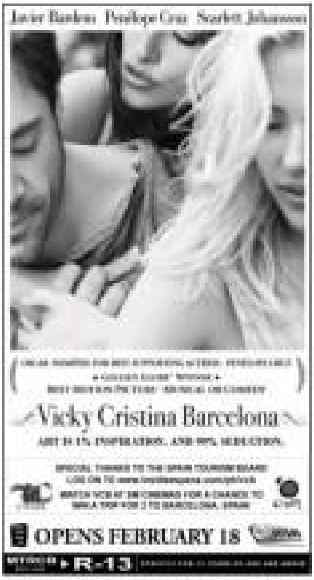


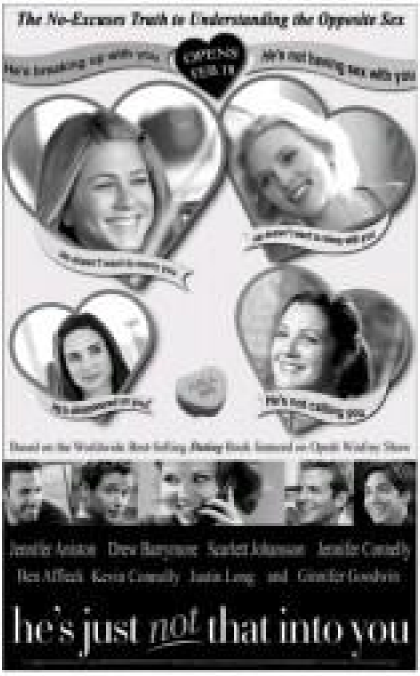












Concert artists . . .

Lessons from 'Slumdog'

Viewfinder



The Script

'The International'

Concert artists . . .



Resonant baritones





Mysterious benefactor

Till PRs do them part

Tears for fears

KC film promo

Grammy highs



Top of the talk shows

Rushes



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The sweetest things

DOLLY WOOD

Dolly Anne Carvajal





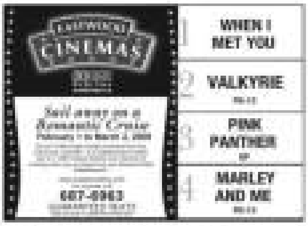
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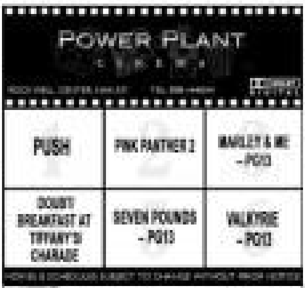
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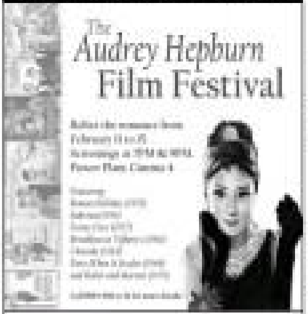


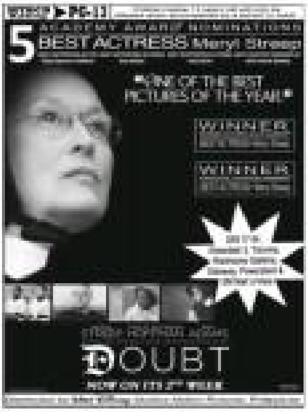
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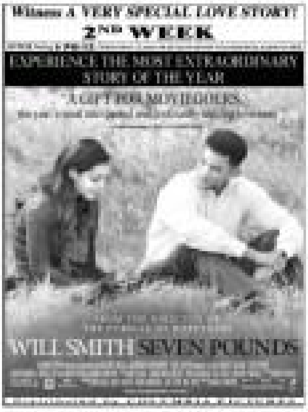


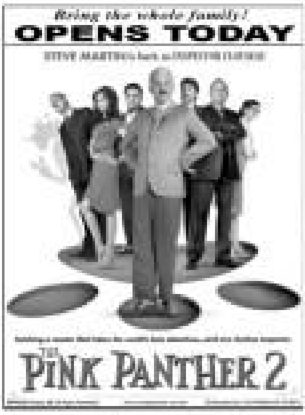




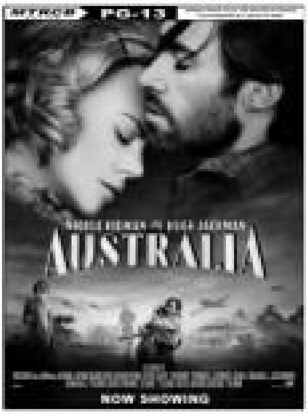




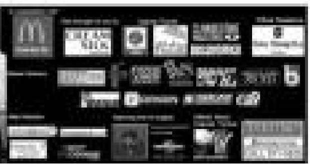












Opening Today

When I Met U

Stars KC Concepcion, Richard Gutierrez, [illegible]

Directed by [illegible]

[illegible] "the most beautiful beach in the world."

Queersity Manila International Film Festival

Stars [illegible] among others

Directed by [illegible], among others



STEVE Martin in "The Pink Panther 2"

[illegible]

Valkyrie

Stars Tom Cruise, Kenneth Branagh, Bill Nighy, Terence Stamp, Tom Wilkinson

Directed by Bryan Singer

[illegible]

[illegible] of The New York Times [illegible]

Push

Stars Dakota Fanning, Chris Evans, Camilla Belle, Djimon Hounsou

Directed by Paul McGuigan

A gang of young psychics with special abilities escape from a shadowy government agency. [illegible]

The Pink Panther 2

Stars Steve Martin, Jean Reno, Alfred Molina, Emily Mortimer, John Cleese, Aishwarya Rai

Directed by Harald Zwart

[illegible] "goes through the motions."

The sweetest

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[illegible]

V-Day show

[illegible]

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